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SUBJECT: ARREST OF PAK MILITARY OFFICERS

REF: (A) ISLAMABAD 2645 (NOTAL) (B) USDAO 0241 APR(NOTAL)

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1. FOLLOWING INAUGURAL CEREMONY OF HISTORY CONFERENCE AT

UNIVERSITY OF ISLAMABAD MORNING APRIL 6, PRES BHUTTO
CALLED ME ASIDE FOR ABOUT TEN MINUTES' PRIVATE CONVERSA-
TION. DURING COURSE YOUR TALK HE ASKED WHETHER WE HAD
HAD ANY PRIOR INDICATION REGARDING REPORTED PLOTTING BY
MILITARY PERSONNEL, WHICH HAD RESULTED IN ARREST OF NUMBER
OF OFFICERS MARCH 30 (REF A). I SAID WE HAD HAD NO
PRIOR KNOWLEDGE WHATSOEVER, AND THUS FAR KNEW VERY
LITTLE THAN WHAT HAD APPEARED IN PRESS. (AT THAT
TIME I WAS UNAWARE OF ARMATT CONVERSATION PREVIOUS DAY
WITH DIRECTOR OF MILITARY INTELLIGENCE (REF B). BHUTTO
SAID HE WOULD WANT TO TELL ME MORE ABOUT IT WHEN WE HAD
A CHANCE. HE ADDED HE HAD PREVIOUSLY THOUGHT THAT ELEMENTS
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AMONG MILITARY WHICH MIGHT BE DISGRUNTLED (I. E., AT
BHUTTO' S EFFORTS TO IMPOSE TRUE CIVILIAN CONTROL) MIGHT
THEN BEEN PREPARED TO WAIT FOR TWO- THREE YEARS OR SO TO
PREPARE THEMSELVES FOR POSSIBLE CONFRONTATION WITH GOVERN-
MENT.

2. I ASKED WHETHER ISSUE OF MILITARY DISSIDENTS HAD BEEN

FACTOR IN HIS DECISION TO DELAY OFFICIAL VISIT TO IRAN
UNTIL MAY. BHUTTO SAID " NOT AT ALL". CONFIRMING REPORT
GIVEN TO ME PREVIOUS DAY BY MFA, BHUTTO SAID HE WAS
INTENT ON GETTING ACTION ON NEW CONSTITUTION OUT OF THE
WAY AND THAT REASON FOR THE DELAY.
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